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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE Case No. 1:23-cv-22065-KMW-AMD
ACCEPTANCE COMPANY LLC D/B/A
ANNIEMAC HOME MORTGAGE,

Plaintiff,

v.

**DEFENDANT'S ANSWER WITH
SEPARATE DEFENSES TO
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

RICHARD SCOTT DENNIS, an individual

Defendant.

Defendant Richard Scott Dennis ("Defendant"), by way of an Answer to the Complaint, states as follows:

AS TO PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.
2. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in the first two sentences of paragraph 2 of the Complaint. Defendant denies the allegations contained in the third sentence of paragraph 2 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

3. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion. Defendant admits that he is domiciled in California.

4. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

5. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

The May 2, 2022 Loan

6. Defendant admits that he entered into a Loan Agreement with plaintiff dated April 29, 2022 and denies the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint. Defendant refers to the Loan Agreement for its actual terms.

7. Defendant admits that he executed a Promissory Note with plaintiff and denies the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint. Defendant refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

8. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint but states the amount of the payment was actually \$54,815.00.

9. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint and refers to the Loan Agreement for its actual terms.

11. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

13. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint and further states that he is under no obligation to repay the unpaid principal and interest.

14. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

15. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

16. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

The June 23, 2022 Loan

18. Defendant admits that he entered into a Loan Agreement with plaintiff dated June 22, 2022 and denies the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint. Defendant refers to the Loan Agreement for its actual terms.

19. Defendant admits that he executed a Promissory Note with plaintiff and denies the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint. Defendant refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

20. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

22. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint and refers to the Loan Agreement for its actual terms.

23. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint.

24. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.

25. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint and further states that he is under no obligation to repay the unpaid principal and interest.

26. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.

27. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

28. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

29. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 29 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

COUNT I

BREACH OF THE APRIL 29, 2022 LOAN AGREEMENT

30. Defendant repeats his responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 29 of the Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.

31. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

32. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint and further states that the amount of the payment was \$54,815.00.

33. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 33 of the Complaint.

34. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the Complaint.

COUNT II

ENFORCEMENT OF THE APRIL 29, 2022 PROMISSORY NOTE

35. Defendant repeats his responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 34 of the Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.

36. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

37. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 37 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

38. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 38 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

39. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 39 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

40. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 40 of the Complaint.

41. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint and further states that he is under no obligation to repay the loan or any interest.

42. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the Complaint.

COUNT III

BREACH OF THE JUNE 22, 2022 LOAN AGREEMENT

43. Defendant repeats his responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 42 of the Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.

44. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

45. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 45 of the Complaint.

46. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.

47. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.

COUNT IV

ENFORCEMENT OF THE JUNE 22, 2022 PROMISSORY NOTE

48. Defendant repeats his responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 47 of the Complaint as if fully set forth at length herein.

49. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

50. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

51. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the Complaint as they call for a legal conclusion.

52. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 52 of the Complaint and refers to the Promissory Note for its actual terms.

53. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 53 of the Complaint.

54. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 54 of the Complaint and further states that he is under no obligation to repay the unpaid principal and interest.

55. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of the Complaint.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Defendant denies all relief requested in the Demand for Judgment paragraph following Paragraph 55 of the Complaint.

DEFENDANT'S DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Defendant demands a trial by jury as to all factual allegations and claims contained in the Complaint.

SEPARATE DEFENSES

FIRST SEPARATE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

SECOND SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief as a matter of law.

THIRD SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to the remedies sought in the Complaint.

FOURTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Defendant is not required to pay back the loans at issue because Plaintiff terminated Defendant's employment without Cause as defined in the Loan Agreements.

FIFTH SEPARATE DEFENSES

Defendant did not resign his employment with Plaintiff.

SIXTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs.

SEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because they are frivolous.

EIGHTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff would be unjustly enriched by any recovery.

NINTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in party by the doctrines of waiver, estoppel, laches, and/or unclean hands.

TENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

At all times relevant hereto, Defendant acted in good faith and did not violate any rights to which Plaintiff may have been entitled under any law, rule, regulation, or contract.

ELEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to assert additional defenses as Plaintiff's claims are clarified through the course of litigation.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Richard Scott Dennis demands judgment in his favor and against Plaintiff dismissing the Complaint in its entirety and with prejudice and awarding Defendant costs, attorneys' fees and such other and further relief as deemed appropriate by the Court.

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Dated: December 15, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Defendant's Answer and Separate Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint was filed electronically via ECF and served on this day via ECF upon all counsel of record.

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Dated: December 15, 2023